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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (CARTER, JIMMY)

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL TRIP

1. PLEASE BE IN TOUCH IMMEDIATELY WITH HIGHEST
APPROPRIATE BELGIAN OFFICIAL TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING
MESSAGE PASSED TO THE BELGIAN HEAD OF STATE FROM
PRESIDENT CARTER.

2. BEGIN TEXT. YOUR MAJESTY: I REGRET TO INFORM
YOU THAT THE PRESS OF URGENT BUSINESS IN CONNECTION WITH
THE CONGRESSIONAL CONSIDERATION OF MY ADMINISTRATION'S
ENERGY PROGRAM OBLIGES ME TO POSTPONE MY VISIT TO YOUR
COUNTRY. I ASK YOUR UNDERSTANDING FOR THIS DIFFICULT
DECISION. THE CEMENTING OF THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN OUR
TWO COUNTRIES IS OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITY TO ME. HOWEVER,
THE EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF THE PROPOSED ENERGY PROGRAM --
NOT ONLY TO THE UNITED STATES, BUT INDEED TO ALL ENERGY-
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PRODUCING AND ENERGY-CONSUMING COUNTRIES THROUGHOUT THE
WORLD-- NECESSITATES MY STAYING IN WASHINGTON TO ENSURE
ITS MANAGEMENT THROUGH THE CONGRESSIONAL PROCESS. THE
ENERGY LEGISLATION WHICH I HAVE PLACED BEFORE THE CONGRESS
IS COMPLEX AND INVOLVES INTENSIVE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE.
WE ARE NEARING THE CLOSING STAGES OF THAT DEBATE, WHICH
WILL REQUIRE MY PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT.

I KNOW THAT MY POSTPONING THE VISIT TO YOUR COUNTRY WILL CAUSE PERSONAL INCONVENIENCE TO YOU AND TO YOUR SENIOR ADVISORS WHO HAVE WORKED SO HARD TO ENSURE THE TRIP'S SUCCESS. I AM, OF COURSE, STILL MOST ANXIOUS TO VISIT WITH YOU AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU AS SOON AS I CAN TO TRY TO ARRANGE ACCEPTABLE DATES.

SECRETARY VANCE WILL BE ANNOUNCING THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE TRIP ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7, AT 10:00 AM WASHINGTON TIME. SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END TEXT.

3. FYI: SEPTELS ARE BEING SENT TO USNATO AND USEC WITH MESSAGES TO LUNS AND JENKINS. VANCE

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